A total of 28 projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 2402.83 crores at Paradip Port, which is the only major port in Orissa, has been identified for inclusion in the Programme.

Work on North-South and East-West Corridor

2541. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that work on the North-South and East-West Corridor is behind schedule;

(b) what is the revised date for conclusion of the project;

(c) whether Government have given an estimate of the percentage of the work completed and the number of contracts allotted; and

(d) what is the revised estimate of the total cost of this project;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (d) The civil work contracts for packages on North-South and East West Corridors are at various stages of award/implementation. The corridors are likely to be completed by December, 2008. There has been no revision in cost estimates for the project. The status as on 30.11.2005 is an under:—

(Length in km)

Total Length	Completed	Under Implementation	To be awarded
7300 (original approved length) 7191 (at present)*	788	3962	2441

*Original approved length has changed due to realignments during construction.